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Appropriations Committee Legislative Office Building, Room 2700 Hartford, CT 06106

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to lend my support for Independent Living Center, Access Independence. It is my understanding that the center could potentially lose approximately \$40,000 in state funding. The loss of funds would be devastating to the center. It is with a great plea that I urge lawmakers to cut the center's state funding.

A cutback in that amount would lead to a loss of employment for many of the organization's staff. The disabled community rely heavy on support programs, services and relationships that Access Independence were able to cultivate thru years of hard work and dedication.

I hope that a change can be made.

If you have any questions I can be reached via email at <u>Elliott@zygonline.com</u> or via phone 203-545-2102.

Again I urge that this type of funding does not get cut.

Sincerely,

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